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GUYANA Working Group

Report #6

December 18, 1978

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1. Arrestees - No change from COB December 15.

2. Survivors - No change from the last report.

3. Identified Bodies - As of this morning we have the names of 628 identified dead. 631

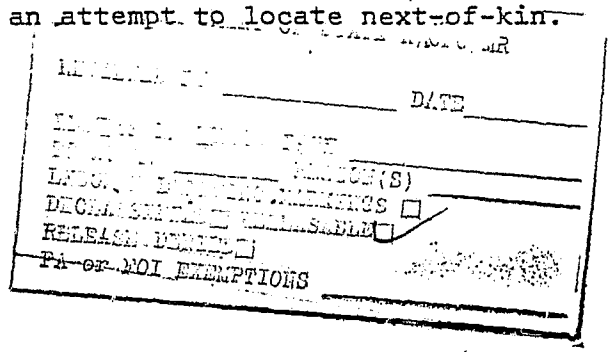
4. Notification of next-of-kin- As of this morning we have contacted persons regarding 556 deceased individuals.

5. Released Bodies - As of this morning the total number of bodies released to date is 150. 188

6. Unclaimed Bodies - No change from the last report.

7. List of Identified for Release - The list with approximately 624 names was taken to the Press Office on Saturday afternoon. The list was broken into two parts: those where next-of-kin were notified; those where the next of kin is unknown or where attempts to contact the next-of-kin were not successful. The lists were published in various newspapers in California yesterday and a number of next-of-kin contacted the Department. As a result the list of not notified is now 72.

A representative from the Peoples Temple called and supplied information on twenty-two names which appeared on the not notified list. This information will be used in an attempt to locate next-of-kin.



8. FBI - The FBI issued a statement which clarified the final body count at Dover AFB. The actual number of deceased bodies is 913 rather than 911. Apparently there was a miscount of the fingerprints taken.

9. Concerned Family Members of the Guyana Tragedy -

Correction and additional information - The group is from Los Angeles and has met with Congressman Burke. Their spokesman is a Mr. Weldon Pitts, phone (213) 752-3101. The group has two objectives: that the Government share part of the cost to ship the bodies back to California; and that no family members be released until the entire family group is identified. He was informed by Mr. Dozier that since most of the unidentified were children, it might be some time before the identification process were finished. Dozier suggested that the group should consider claiming the bodies as the paperwork is completed, rather than waiting for some now undeterminable date when and if all the remaining bodies are identified.